

La Quinta, California
February 24, 1947

Dear Claude:

Many thanks for your letter saying that you would introduce the bill for research against diseases of the heart and arteries this week. I am thrilled, and am anxious to know when you think this bill and the cancer bill might possibly be brought up for hearings. As I think I have told you, Mr. James Adams, the chairman of the executive committee of the Cancer Society, is anxious that the cancer hearings should begin around the middle of April, in the midst of the American Cancer Society's campaign. If you think that is a possibility, considering the hearings for labor and other bills, let me know and I will see what public agitation can be created for them both.

I am anxious for a copy of the heart and artery bill out here. Could you have your secretary send me one? I am also sending you some clippings which have appeared in the newspapers on the American Heart Association's campaign. This Association is a group of doctors, which has never made a public drive before, so have had no experience in publicity or money raising until now. The strongest unit of the Association is the New York Heart Association, which has some laymen working for it.

I spoke to Dr. Louis Katz of Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, who is on the Chicago unit of the American Heart Association, and he was enthusiastic about a federal bill for the building of facilities for research and for research grants-in-aid.

We are having a lovely time here in this sunny, charming place. We do hope that you and Mildred are well, and we look forward to seeing you some time at the end of April. But in the meantime, do let me hear from you.

With warm good wishes from us both,

Yours,

The Honorable Claude Pepper
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